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**Overview of the History of Japan Notes**

Directions: Take notes on two videos, “History of Japan in 5 minutes” and “History of Japan” (censored). Pay attention to information that will give you an overview of Japanese civilization during Era 1 (500-1400 CE), particularly the causes and effects of feudalism and the defining cultural traits of Japan. In addition, look out for mention of the items in the list below, and know the general chronology of the items on that list.

* Ashikaga Japan
* Buddhism arrives in Japan
* Edo period
* Emperor is restored to power
* Europeans arrive in Japan and bring guns and Christianity
* Feudalism begins
* Heian Japan
* Japan borrows cultural ideas and government ideas from China
* Japan forms a centralized state (after having been many different clans)
* Japan closes itself off to the world (except the Dutch)
* Kamakura Japan
* Mongols invade Japan (twice!)
* Nara period (1st strong central state)
* People start to hire samurai for protection
* Shogunate is established
* Shogunate is overthrown
* United States arrives in Japan

Video #1:

Video #2: